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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:
This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on
October 20, 2005, and having a shortened statutory period of response set to January 20, 2006.
Please amend the claims as presented in this Amendment. This Amendment is presented within the two month period necessary for receipt of an Advisory Action, and an Advisory Action is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the claims start on page 3 of this paper, in the "Listing of Claims."
Amendments to the specification begin on page 6 of this paper.
Arguments start on page 9 of this paper.

